**Inter-State water disputes**

2237. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring new law for solving Inter-State water disputes quickly by getting more powers with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring "water" under the Union list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYANA YADAV): (a) The Government has amended Inter-State Water Disputes Act in 2002 whereby the Adjudication of the water dispute by a Tribunal has been made time bound.

(b) There is no proposal at present to bring water under the Union List.

**Erosion crisis in West Bengal**

2238. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether erosion has emerged as a crisis in some parts of West Bengal, especially in the Malda-Murshidabad districts;

(b) whether there has been any demand to declare it as a national calamity; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to curb the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYANA YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. There are reports of severe bank erosion in some parts of West Bengal including Malda and Murshidabad districts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Though the Flood Management including river erosion is a state subject, the Government of India is provding assistance to West Bengal to tackle this problem through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) which was formulated in January, 2001 for implementing critical anti erosion schemes. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 28.66 crore has so far